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Russia/Hungary: Whether Russia and Hungary have a treaty that allows dual citizenship  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

In correspondence to the Research Directorate on 13 January 2004, the Consul at the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary indicated that there exists no treaty that allows dual citizenship with Russia, a statement that was corroborated by the Embassy of the Russian Federation (19 Jan. 2004).

Notwithstanding the lack of a formal treaty, the Consul of Hungary mentioned that Act LV of 1993 on Hungarian Citizenship allows any Hungarian to hold dual citizenship, and one who wishes to affirm his or her Hungarian citizenship is not obligated to renounce the citizenship of any other country (Hungary 13 Jan. 2004).

On the other hand, a spokesman for the Russian Embassy's consular division maintained that one who becomes a Russian citizen must renounce his or her former citizenship (23 Jan. 2004). Article 6.1 of the Federal Law on Russian Federation Citizenship states that:

a citizen of the Russian Federation who also has another citizenship shall be deemed by the Russian Federation only as a Russian Federation citizen, except for the cases stipulated by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or a federal law. (RF 31 May 2002)

Among the numerous requirements stipulated by Article 13.1, which explains how a foreign citizen may apply to become a citizen of the Russian Federation, subsection (d) maintains that an applicant for naturalization:

[must] have filed applications with the competent body of foreign state whereby they waived their other citizenship. No waiver of foreign citizenship is required if this is envisaged by an international treaty of the Russian Federation or the present Federal Law or if the waiver of another citizenship is impossible due to reasons beyond the person's control. (*ibid.*)

However, Article 6.2 also states that "the acquisition by a Russian Federation citizen of another citizenship shall not cause termination of Russian Federation citizenship" (*ibid.*).

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